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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 7. (Amended) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 4 further
- 2 comprising:
- 3 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein

4 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the
5 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and
6 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the
7 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

Please add the following newly-drafted Claims 17-18.

1 17. (New) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 5 further comprising:
2 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein
3 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the
4 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and
5 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the
6 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

1 18. (New) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 6 further comprising:
2 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein
3 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the
4 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and
5 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the
6 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

REMARKS

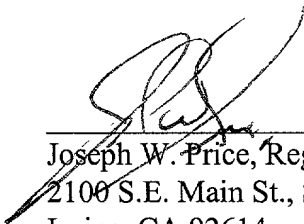
The amendments to the claims are to remove multiple dependencies.

Newly drafted Claims 17-18 are within the scope of the original application and do not add any new subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

1 7. (Amended) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in [any one of Claims 4 to 6]
2 Claim 4 further comprising:
3 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein
4 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the
5 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and
6 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the
7 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

New Claims 17 and 18 have been added.